

I am very concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election, without providing viewers balanced programming critically examining President Bush's relevant history.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The plan for the anti-Kerry programming clearly does not serve everyone's interests, and appears quite partisan. Apparently, when large companies control the airwaves, the public receives only what that company believes is good for their bottom line and less of what the public deserves in a democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. I appreciate your attention to this matter. Thank you.